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(a) Scope of Rules.

The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (throughout these Bankruptcy Local Rules referred to as "Bankruptcy Rule(s)") and Official Bankruptcy Forms promulgated under 28 U.S.C. § 2075, together with these Bankruptcy Local Rules govern practice and procedure in all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings in this District. These rules supersede all previous Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

(b) Relationship to District Court Rules.

These Bankruptcy Local Rules are promulgated with other Local Rules of the District and should be cited as "B.L.R. __-__."

(c) Relationship to Bankruptcy Rules.

These rules are divided into nine parts to be consistent in format with the Bankruptcy Rules. These rules supplement the Bankruptcy Rules and they shall be construed so as to be consistent with the rules and to promote the just, efficient and economical determination of every bankruptcy case and proceeding. Where there is a substantive relationship between a Bankruptcy Local Rule and a particular Bankruptcy Rule a corresponding rule number is utilized and a reference to the Bankruptcy Rule is included at the end of the Bankruptcy Local Rule.

(d) Relationship to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Whenever a Federal Rule of Civil Procedure is incorporated, it shall be incorporated as modified by the Bankruptcy Rules.

(e) Effective Date.

These rules take effect on December 1, 2009, and shall apply to all cases and adversary proceedings pending on that date except to the extent the Court determines that such application would materially prejudice the rights of a party (in which event the prior version of these rules shall continue to apply).

(f) Amendment.

Civil Local Rules incorporated herein shall be the rules in effect on the effective date of these

rules and as thereafter amended, unless otherwise provided by such amendment or by these rules or by such amendment.

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